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1846 to June 1948

1. Location: About 1.3 miles southeast of the railroad bridge and about 2 miles southeast of the NOVOSIBIRSK (83°East/55°5'N) main railroad station, on the eastern bank of the Ob River.
2. Plant installations: The plant had five sections, a carpenter shop near the Ob River, about 1,200 feet north of the Trud Plant, and four other sections a little farther to the north-east.
3. Work force: Eight hundred Soviets in the day shift and five hundred Soviets in each of the two night shifts. Eighty per cent of the workers were women and children, the youngest being twelve or thirteen years old.
4. Production:
  - a. Portable radio sets, transmitters to be installed in stationary plants, and various other types of radio sets. All the parts except tubes were manufactured in the plant.
  - b. According to Soviets, copies of German radar sets for night fighters were also manufactured.
5. Rate of production: The production quota for radio casings was 9,000 units per day, but the actual daily output was 300 to 400.

March 1947 to June 1948

6. Location: The carpenter shop was half way between the Ob River

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bridge and the Trud Plant. Four other plant sections were about 1,300 feet northeast. There was a spur track.

7. Production:

a. [ ] fitted antenna rods into the wooden casings of the portable radio sets. No details available.

b. [ ] heard that radio sets were also manufactured.

[ ] June 1945 to July 1946

8. Location: Between the Ob River bridge and railroad station II, on the railroad line.

9. Installations: Three workshops, 50 x 65 feet each  
four-story building, 65 feet square  
Boiler house  
Spur track.

10. Work force: About a thousand Soviets, the strength being gradually increased.

11. Production: Transmitters and radio sets, including assembly of tubes; output of 400 to 500 sets per month.

[ ] August 1947 to October 1948

12. Location: Five buildings and a carpenter shop were located about a thousand feet north of the Trud Plant. The carpenter shop was about 330 feet from the Ob River.

13. Installations: Four buildings were in an 825 x 1,650-foot area. All buildings were about 100 x 130 feet, including a four-story house and a boiler house.

14. Work force: About a thousand Soviets in the day shift and a total of a thousand in the two night shifts.

15. Production: Fifteen to twenty radio sets and possibly a larger number of transmitters were seen every day.

[ ] 1946 to December 1948

16. Location: Between the bridge across the Ob River and the Trud Plant.

17. Designation: Radio Plant No 590.

18. Production: Transmitters and radio sets. fulfilled production quota: 400 to 450 sets per day.

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Comment:

a. The existence of the Radio Plant No 590 in NOVOSIBIRSK is confirmed.

b. Since the plant consists of various sections in different buildings, the PWs could observe only individual departments, and were unable to obtain an overall picture of output and the work force. However, the similar statements on the work force and rate of production are valuable for an evaluation of the plant capacity.

c. The production of radar sets for night fighters was mentioned for the first time, as a rumor.

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